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УРГА, МОНГОЛИЯ.

12 West 47th Street.  
New York City, N. Y.  
July 18th, 1925.

American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Attention Mr. H. Wood.

The following announcement is of more than ordinary interest so if your representative in New York will call during the next two weeks at 12 West 47th Street, he will be amply repaid for his visit, as this is the first and only time that such a complete exhibit of the relics of Mongolia has ever been shown.

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УРГА, МОНГОЛИЯ.

311 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
March 1, 1928

Mr. Harland Wood  
Broadway & 156th St.  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Andre spoke to me some few days ago that he had a little talk with you and spoke of the Brick Tea that the Mongols use for money.

I have one Brick Tea now that I have been keeping for myself. I had some seven Bricks in 1926 but the other six have been bought by museums, so I have only this one left, and do not know when I will get any more.

This particular Brick of Tea came from the Sian Noyen Amaik in Mongolia. It was part of the tribute to the ~~then~~ Living Buddha at Urga, Mongolia in 1912. I obtained these Bricks of Tea in 1924 at the Living Buddha's Palace at Urga.

The price is \$7.50, and I will be glad to send it out to you. Thank you ever so much for your interest. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edward Barrett

*Edward Barrett*

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6th March, 1928

Mr. Edward Barrett,  
311 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

If you can spare that piece of  
Erick Tea we would very much like to have it, and  
I am herewith sending you a cheque for \$7.50.  
Some time when you are coming up this way, you  
might bring it along.

Very truly yours,

Curator



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311 Fifth Ave.  
New York City. N Y  
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Mar, 17th, 1928.

Mr. Harland Wood,  
The American Numismatic Society.  
Broadway and 156th Street.  
New York City. USA

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I thank you very much for your letter of the  
6th inst, and for your check in the sum of \$7.50 for the  
"Brick of Tea",, as used in Mongolia for money.

I had hoped to come out to see you before this  
time. However I will be out within the coming week. Will  
phone to see when you are in first. I will try and find  
among my things, if I can, a piece of the silver money as  
used by the Mongols. This money is just silver cut with  
a cold chisel out of flat pieces of silver about 1/2 inch  
thick and about 3/4 inches square. I made millions of  
such at Urga, Mongolia, when I was the metallurgist for the  
Old Russian Government there some years ago.

Owing to the fact that I have been so busy lately with  
the arrival of more things from China, and having to be in  
the custom house a good part of the time, hence the delay.

I will send you a duly receipted bill in a day or  
so, and will send or bring out the brick of tea. I would  
like to have another visit with you out there. You must  
have many new specimens since I saw you last. With kind-  
est personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Edward Barrett

Edward Barrett.

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EDWARD BARRETT

80 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

April 4th, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood.  
The American Numismatic Society.  
New York City. USA

Dear Mr. Wood:

I regret that I missed seeing you today when I called with the "Brick of Tea" (Mongol Money). However I will come on out again soon, as in the meantime I will have found the piece of Mongol silver money that I want you to have there in your collection.


Being so busy has kept me from getting out before this time. While out there today I went in the Hispanic Museum., it is very finely arranged dont you think so.

The data concerning the "Brick of Tea" as well as the receipted bill I left with your man there for you.

Hoping to see you very soon, and with kind regards,

I am

Very truly yours,

  
Edward Barrett.

311 Fifth Avenue &  
80 Wall Street. N Y C USA.

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April 6, 1928.

Mr. Edward Barrett,  
311 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I was so sorry not to have seen you when you were up up here the other day. I could have come down and get pieces as I said previously, but I did want you to see again, some of our things, and I trust you can make the time to do it.

Very truly yours,

Curator.